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rush of traffic on account of the commencement of the Open Session of the Indian National Congress at Avadi and also due to the dislocation of traffic in the morning of that day on account of the visit of Marshall Tito to the City and his State Drive through the City. This question has been answered already on many occasions.''

* 1958-B *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether 21st January 1955 was declared a public holiday in the City to enable the public servants to attend the Congress Session at Avadi; and

(*b*) whether there is any Government Order preventing public servants from identifying themselves with the activities of any political parties?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) No. Sir, 21st January 1955 was declared a public holiday in the City of Madras as the lower-paid staff in the City of Madras would have found it difficult to reach their offices in time on that day, due to the heavy rush of traffic on account of the commencement of the Open Session of the Indian National Congress at Avadi and also due to the dislocation of traffic in the morning of that day on account of the visit of Marshall Tito to the City and his State Drive through the City.

" (*b*) According to rule 20 (1) (i) of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, no Government servant shall take part in, subscribe in aid of, or assist in any way, any political movement in India or relating to Indian affairs.''

Labour trouble in the Neyveli Lignite Mines.

* 1958-C *Q.*—Sri A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of labourers arrested recently in the Neyveli Lignite Mines; and

(*b*) the reasons for the arrest?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) Seventy-one, Sir.

" (*b*) Sixty-nine persons were arrested for laying themselves down before moving vehicles in the Project area and on public roads and for obstruction and two persons designing to commit cognizable offences, were arrested to prevent the commission of the offences."

Water-supply for Mangalore.

* 1958-D *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER:—" As hon. Member Sri K. Ishwara is not in his seat, the question and the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

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SRI K. ISHWARA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Mangalore Municipal Council applied to Government for any loan for the water-supply scheme;

(*b*) if so, how much was given for the scheme;

(*c*) when the investigation of the water-supply scheme in Mangalore was completed; and

(*d*) from what year the people of Mangalore have been supplied water?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Rs. 14,41,600.

" (*c*) In May 1952.

" (*d*) The scheme is under execution."

Remission of tax on wet land.

* 1958-E *Q.*—SRI G. GOVINDAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government propose to grant any remission of tax on wet land anywhere in the area on the eastern side of the Ramanathapuram district where the crops have failed due to failure of rains in 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes. The Collector of Ramanathapuram proposes to grant remission of assessment on wet lands in certain estate taluks of Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar and Sivaganga estates and in some of the resumed inam villages in the Government taluks of Mudukulathur, Paramakudi and Aruppukottai, where the crops have failed due to the failure of the rains in 1954."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know what the total acreage of wet lands is in Ramanathapuram district? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I think the District Gazetteer or some such record will give correct information."

Road metalling in the West Coast.

* 1958-F *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any new or special method of metalling roads in areas like the West Coast where the average annual rainfall is very heavy?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no new or special way of metalling roads in the West Coast except that the camber given to water bound macadam here is more than in areas where rainfall